This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A gastric ring ~~of the type~~ comprising an elongate element that is deformable into a loop between a distal end portion and a proximal end portion such that the inside of the loop avoids a sharp edge which would injure the gastric wall, and closure means suitable for folding said elongate element into a loop and for securing the distal and proximal end portions to each other once they have been brought close together by ~~looping the ring~~ deforming the elongate element into a loop, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a resorbable material.

2. (Currently Amended) A gastric ring according to claim 1, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a material that is resorbable slowly over a period of about or less than 2 years~~, and preferably lying in the range 16 months to 24 months~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A ring according to claim 1, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a poly-[alpha]-hydroxy acid~~, preferably a lactic polyacid, and more particularly a poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A ring according to claim 1, wherein the elongate element is made up of multiple juxtaposed links connected through hinged pivot axes, including a proximal link, a distal link, and intermediate links ~~hinged about pivot axes~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A ring according to claim 4, wherein each link has an inner face adapted for coming into contact with the stomach when the ring is put into place, and two internal end faces in which at least those portions that are situated close to the inner face are oblique and radially convergent so that during closure of the ring all of said radial portions of the internal end faces are pressed against one another and the inner faces of the links constitute a

substantially continuous constriction surface.

6. (Original) A ring according to claim 5, wherein each intermediate link includes, projecting from a first internal end face, a shoulder forming a pivot axis between said link and a first adjacent link, and in its second internal end face, a recess forming a housing for the shoulder of a second adjacent link, the shoulder and the recess being of dimensions to be suitable for being mutually interengaged.

7. (Original) A ring according to claim 1, wherein the closure means comprise at least one tie secured to at least one of the proximal and distal end portions.

8. (Original) A ring according to claim 7, wherein the tie is resorbable with a resorption period that is longer than the resorption period of the elongate element.

9. (Original) A ring according to claim 4, wherein each link has two through holes, together forming in the set of links two alignments of holes for two passes of a single tie from the proximal link to the distal link along the first alignment and then from the distal link to the proximal link along the second alignment.

10. (Currently Amended) A ring according to claim 1, wherein the closure means comprise locking means formed at least in part in the proximal and distal end portions of the elongate element for locking the proximal and distal end portions together.~~, in particular in the proximal and distal links, namely a male engagement element in one end portion and a female engagement element in the other end portion.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A ring according to claim 7, wherein the proximal end portion~~, possibly the proximal link,~~ includes a tube fitting for passing the tie or the two free ends

of the tie therethrough, the tube fitting being shaped for securing to an ancillary for introducing the ring~~, and in particular being threaded for screw-fastening to said ancillary~~.

13. (Canceled)

14. (New) A gastric ring according to claim 1, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a material that is resorbable slowly over a period lying in the range of 16 months to 24 months.

15. (New) A ring according to claim 1, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a lactic polyacid.

16. (New) A ring according to claim 1, wherein at least the elongate element is made of a poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide).

17. (New) A ring according to claim 10, wherein the elongate element is made up of multiple juxtaposed links connected through hinged pivot axes, including a proximal link, a distal link, and intermediate links, and the locking means are formed in the proximal and distal links.

18. (New) A ring according to claim 17, wherein the locking means comprise a male engagement element in one of the proximal or distal links and a female engagement element in the other proximal or distal link.

19. (New) A ring according to claim 18, wherein the male element is a stud and the female element is a recess.

20. (New) A ring according to claim 12, wherein the elongate element is made up of multiple juxtaposed links connected through hinged pivot axes, including a proximal link, a

distal link, and intermediate links, and the tube fitting included in the proximal end portion is included in the proximal link.

21. **(New)** A ring according to claim 12, wherein tube fitting is shaped for securing to an ancillary for introducing the ring by threading adapted for screw-fastening to said ancillary.

22. **(New)** A ring according to claim 12, wherein the ring is connected to an ancillary constituted by a tube provided with a handle which is fitted with a mechanical system enabling the tie or the two free ends of the tie to be put under tension.

23. **(New)** A ring according to claim 22, wherein the mechanical system for the ancillary is a winding or ratchet wheel.